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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced the sentencing today of Moses Mbagwu, 47, of Chester, Virginia, for making false statements on tax returns. United States District Judge Robert Payne sentenced Mbagwu to a term of imprisonment of 12 months and one day.

Between April 1999 and April 2002, Mbagwu, was the sole owner and operator of a Richmond tax return preparation business. Through that business, he prepared more than 2,300 tax returns for the tax years 2000-2002. As part of his plea in this case, on April 22, 2005, Mbagwu admitted that in the tax years of 1999 - 2002, he knowingly and intentionally filed false and inaccurate U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Forms 1040, in which he failed to report at least \$298,692.00 in personal income, understating his federal tax liability by a total of \$78,209.00.

Also announcing this sentencing is Charles Pine, Special Agent-in-Charge, Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division.

Assistant United States Attorney S. David Schiller prosecuted the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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